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Adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer and Deputy City Clerk Babb. Absent: City Clerk Nelson, City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Kay Lewis led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 1979 and July 17, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. ARMED FORCES DAY.RECOMMENDATION OF ARMED FORCES DAY AD HOC COMMITTEE:

1. That Council concur with having an Armed Forces Day Parade for 1980;
2. That Council authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$35,000 for said parade and that the City of Torrance will make up any difference that might not be available through community contributions; and
3. That Council establish an Armed Forces Day Steering Committee composed of our Ad Hoc Committee, three members of the Chamber of Commerce, two members of the Exchange Club, and Captain Lanham to act as Parade Coordinator.

Committee findings were reviewed by Councilman Rossberg, and desired clarification was provided.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for approval of the recommendation of the Armed Forces Day Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That a clause be added to recommendation #2: "...that the City of Torrance will make up any difference that might not be available through community contributions up to the amount of \$15,000." The substitute motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

The main motion to adopt the Committee report carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg,
Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (supports the concept of
the parade but feels there should
be a limitation on City funds.)

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong, based on suggestions offered by Councilman Brown, that Staff investigate the matter of the tax exempt status for donors and that the Council be provided an ongoing report regarding commitments received.

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Introduction of the distinguished Mayor and delegation from Kashiwa City was made by Mayor Armstrong; a "Key to the City" was presented the visiting Mayor, with good wishes from the City of Torrance. Support of Torrance's energy effort was pledged by Kashiwa's Mayor.

Further introductions of exchange students and Kashiwa officials were made by Mr. Jack Eardley and Battalion Chief Fisk.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION re: County Aid-to-Cities Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION
AND PAYMENT OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM
STREETS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-164. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. RESOLUTION re: Transit System Advertising Franchise Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AN ADVERTISING CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR
THE CITY BUS LINE WITH BENEDICT COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-165. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT EXAMINATION - Appeal of Equipment Mechanic Disqualification.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL SERVICES: That your Honorable Body DENY this appeal and direct Staff to proceed with the examination for Equipment Superintendent.

Staff presentation was provided by Civil Service Administrator Ghio, with specific note of the "screening panel" process.

The appellant in this matter, Equipment Mechanic Carl Thomas, submitted a communication (of record) which noted his 14 years experience with the City of Torrance and the rejection of his application.

Don Smith, Acting President, AFSCME, indicated their concurrence with Mr. Thomas' statement.

Council discussion ensued. It was the comment of Councilman Applegate that the procedure of setting minimum qualifications and accepting applications on that basis, followed by a second cut - "cherry-picking", saying these are the best of the lot - does not honestly afford those people their rights. In the opinion of Mr. Applegate, Mr. Thomas and others affected by the second cut were not afforded an opportunity to participate in the examination process.

With only 15 applicants, Mayor Armstrong questioned the need for any cutting at all. It was the added comment of the Mayor that it is his hope that the time is not too far distant when the City of Torrance will have its own examination program, conduct its own examinations, and have total control over the examination plan. In the case of the subject examination, the exam should be put together to find the best possible person, and to have in mind, always, fairness to all those who apply.

Concurrence with comments of the preceding speakers was expressed by Councilman Walker -- if you have to interview 15 people because they qualify, then you interview 15 people. The Council does not set the ground rules and then leave the interpretation to someone else for the sake of expediency, as has been done in this case, per Mr. Walker.

Civil Service Administrator Ghio advised, at Councilman Applegate's question, that interview invitations have not yet gone forward.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council instruct the Civil Service Administrator to send out invitations for oral interviews to all applicants who met the minimum qualifications for the position of Equipment Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Councilman Rossberg stated that he would support the motion -- however, he does favor the various steps necessary in the examination process generally -- in this case, he would concur that where the qualifications have been fulfilled, the applicant should be permitted to go to at least the next step to be a part of the testing process. Where there are applications in excess of 50-100 people the testing cost is prohibitive, and there must be some means of boiling down the list, according to Mr. Rossberg. Councilwoman Geissert generally concurred with Mr. Rossberg's comments; Mrs. Geissert would support the motion because of the small number of people involved, without reflection on the testing process.

An apparent misunderstanding regarding the Council's intent was acknowledged by Councilman Brown who pointed out that the action taken at this time relates only to this particular case -- this is not a per se ban on any particular form of testing or evaluation in a future case.

Councilman Wilson reviewed the need for clarification to applicants regarding the screening process. Dr. Wilson likewise stressed that the Council action at this time applied only to this case, and should not be considered precedent-setting. Civil Service Administrator Ghio affirmed his understanding in this regard.

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's motion was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Rossberg at this time warmly commended Civil Service Administrator Ghio for the fine job he has done for the City of Torrance and for his highly professional manner in presentations before the Council -- "it is really a pleasure to have him." Concurrence was voiced by Mayor Armstrong.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION authorizing assignment of Airport Hangar Leases from Jim D. Cockayne to Roy L. Stinnett and Colortone Decal Company.

Held for one week.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2917.

ORDINANCE NO. 2917

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 17026 YUKON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 79-3

JAMES R. PETERS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2917 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert (not present at hearing)

- 18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2918.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET WEST OF MADRONA AVENUE AND SOUTH OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 79-4, GREAT LAKES CARBON CORPORATION

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2918 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18c. ORDINANCE NO. 2919.ORDINANCE NO. 2919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 41.1.7 TO
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE
OWNERS OF DOGS TO REMOVE DEFECATION OF
SUCH DOGS FROM CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
PROPERTY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2919 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

18d. ORDINANCE NO. 2920.ORDINANCE NO. 2920

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XII OF
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY
ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2920 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 36470.

Subdivider: Albert Bernardo - BMS Construction
Location: 609 Sartori (Sartori and Cota)
No. of Lots: One (7-unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:
That Final Tract Map No. 36470 be approved.

20b. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve On-the-Job Training

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contract with Wing Aircraft Company, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a and 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 7:03 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:05 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Brown reminded all present of the Energy Fair on August 23rd.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert reported another successful beach cleanup at Torrance Beach, and requested that an acknowledgment of this effort go forward.

22c. Councilman Rossberg noted recent communication from Recreation Programs Administrator Sutter re: Wilson Park for 1984 Olympics swimming facility and Columbia Park for a Soccer Stadium. Further input will be provided the Council following Staff exploration.

22d. Councilman Rossberg expressed appreciation for the support and dedicated efforts of those preparing for the Energy Fair on August 23rd.

22e. Councilman Rossberg urged continuation of the odd-even gas buying program, and suggested that Councilmembers communicate with Supervisor Hahn indicating support of same, if so desired.

22f. Councilman Wilson requested Staff investigation re: possible waiver of fee for fence along Sepulveda Boulevard at the Wilcraft Development tract (written communication re: this request was provided Staff).

22g. Councilman Wilson reviewed H.R. 3942 and its impact on the noise ordinance -- this was referred to Staff for review and recommendation, to be returned to Council as a formal agenda item.

22h. Mayor Armstrong elaborated on communication received from Mayor Russ of Gardena re: support of Housing Allotment for Senior Citizens -- it was the recommendation of the Mayor that such a letter go forward. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

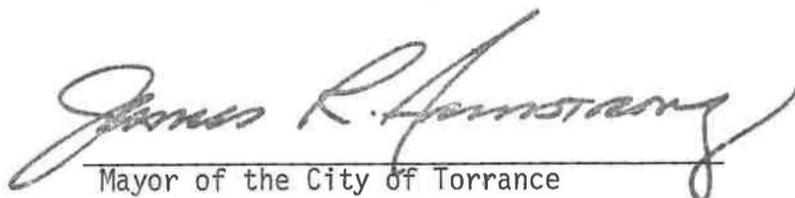
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 7:35 P.M. for formal adjournment. No action was taken.

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 Sherie L. Nelson, Clerk of the
 City of Torrance, California


 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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